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Four Floyd County Schools Recognized For Earning the ENERGY STAR

FRANKFORT, KY – (July 30, 2012) – Allen Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary, Adams Middle and Betsy Layne High Schools were recognized by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet for earning the prestigious ENERGY STAR, a national symbol for protecting the environment through superior energy performance.

Certificates signed by Gov. Steve Beshear were presented to the four principals during the July 30 meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education.

The school buildings were recently renovated with lighting system upgrades, geothermal HVAC systems and controls. Renovations to the buildings and contributions of school energy teams have decreased energy usage by more than 2 million kilowatt hours at a cost savings in excess of \$250,000 per year.

Floyd County Superintendent Henry Webb said the district now has a total of six ENERGY STAR labeled schools.

“Our schools have earned this recognition from the US Environmental Protection Agency because of a terrific team effort that includes our board of education, staff with our maintenance department along with our school based staff and students,” said Webb. “The more we reduce our energy costs, the more that’s available for district instruction to students. It’s this kind of teamwork that improves education opportunities for all Floyd County students.”

With the addition of these four schools, Kentucky now has 169 school facilities that have received the ENERGY STAR, of the 272 buildings represented in the state. ENERGY STAR facilities typically use about 35 percent less energy than average buildings, while still providing high-quality service and comfort to their occupants, according to the ENERGY STAR program.

“We’ve combined newer technologies like geothermal HVAC systems along with more traditional remodeling and retro-fitting techniques and increased efficiency awareness,” said Greg Adams, school facilities director. “Participation in the ENERGY STAR program has provided many valuable resources and ideas that have enabled Floyd County School District to meet many of its energy goals.”

To earn the ENERGY STAR, a building must receive at least 75 out of 100 points in the EPA’s national energy-performance rating system, which places these facilities among the top 25 percent of all comparable buildings. Buildings are rated based on how they compare to similar buildings across the country.

Allen Elementary school earned an ENERGY STAR rating of 76; Prestonsburg Elementary earned a rating of 81; Adams Middle School earned a rating of 80 and Betsy Layne High School earned a rating of 90.

A building must operate for at least one year and submit a year’s worth of energy-use data to the US Environmental Protection Agency to be considered for the ENERGY STAR.

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